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Oscar Martinez
City of Torrance, Community Development Department
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503

RE: 2555 W. 190th Street Warehouse Project –
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2021020220
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03499
Vic. LA-405/PM: 15.223

Dear Oscar Martinez:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The project consists of the demolition of an approximately 160,000 square-foot vacant office building and the construction of an industrial warehouse building totaling 305,550 square feet on a 13.29-acre site. The City of Torrance is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately .7 miles west of Interstate 405. Caltrans concurs with the following statement from the MND: "...the proposed Project does not exceed a level of 15% below existing City of Torrance VMT/Employee and thus does not have a significant transportation impact." Thus, the following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For TDM strategies that the City can consider integrating into this project to further reduce VMT, refer to:

- The 2010 *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, or
- *Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference* (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>.

Also, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these delays for Caltrans' review.

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If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2021-03499.

Sincerely,

Miya Edmonson

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